

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line 3, as follows:

1 The present invention relates in general to portable, engine-powered, hand tools, and  
2 more specifically, to a clearing saw with a changeable circular saw blade. Such tools include  
3 an engine, a housing and a rotatable drive shaft connected to a rotating cutting tool, such as a  
4 circular saw blade, that is releasably fastened to the end of the shaft. A locking pin is  
5 movable in an axial direction into a hole in the shaft, or a part attached to the shaft, to fix the  
6 shaft in a non-rotating mode in relation to the housing to facilitate installation and removal of  
7 the cutting tool. In portable, engine-powered, hand tools like clearing saws, the cutting tool is  
8 fastened to the shaft, extending from a gear box, for example, by a nut screwed on to a  
9 threaded end of the shaft. In order to facilitate the changing of the cutting tool, the shaft must  
10 be stopped from rotating relative to the housing to make it possible to rotatably release or  
11 fasten the nut. The shaft is stopped from rotation by the locking pin that is moved into a  
12 position to interfere with shaft rotation wherein the shaft is blocked from rotating in relation  
13 to the gearbox. It is desirable to keep the locking pin in this locking position even if the  
14 machine is turned up side down or otherwise moved around so as to make it easier to change  
15 the cutting tool by unscrewing the nut.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 4, line 18, as follows:

1 A housing 10, including an engine powered gearbox, is connected to a user-held guide  
2 bar, not shown in the drawing, of a clearing saw. The gearbox includes a toothed  
3 transmission gear, not shown in the drawing, with a rotatably driven shaft 11. A fastening  
4 device 12 for holding in place a cutting tool 13 is attached to the low end of the shaft 11 as

5 shown. The cutting tool 13, for example a circular saw blade, is attached to the fastening  
6 device by a nut 14 screwed on to the threaded end of shaft 11, and an elastic washer 15. The  
7 nut 14 can be unscrewed from the threaded end of the shaft 11 and released to make it  
8 possible to replace the cutting tool 13.

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